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DASH-CAP™ Installation Instructions

<u>Congratulations!</u> You have just purchased a unique product which if properly installed and cared for will look great for many years.

Please read and follow the Installation Instructions very carefully, especially #6 about where to apply the silicone.

And one other quick caution: Everything expands when heated, including our special plastic, so it's a good idea to park your vehicle so the sun doesn't roast your DASH-CAP™, your steering wheel, or you.

We're sure you'll enjoy your new Dashskin™, and we hope you'll tell your friends. Thanks for using DASH-CAP™.

*****SPECIAL ATTENTION REQUIRED*****

Some vehicles require special attention prior to installation of the DASH-CAP™:

301/302/303/303d/311/1101: Remove defroster pan (Phillips Screw Driver)

308: Reduce width of glove box door approx. (1/8", sandpaper or file.)

406: Remove defroster pan (flexible screwdriver)

708/709/705: Remove climate sensor

1003: Remove radio speaker grill (pry with straight edge screwdiver.)

Most Mercedes: Remove climate sensor air inlet sleeve by prying up with a sharp screwdriver, and there are more - please call us if you need advice.

1. TOOLS AND MATERIALS REQUIRED:

Utility knife, window cleaner, clean rags, 3 or 4 rolls of paper towels or bathroom paper, medium grit sandpaper, cardboard strips for wedges, screw drivers, duct tape or masking tape, wads of newspaper. Elastic type "bunjicords" may also be useful.

2. PRE-FIT THE DASH-CAP™:

Now is the time to try your new DASH-CAP™ on the vehicle to make sure you have the correct model. Push it firmly into place. Does it fit properly? Does the glove box open ok?

NOTE:

In most states the vehicle serial (VIN) numbers must be visible and you will usually find an opening for this in the DASH-CAP™, but on certain vehicles the location varies and you need to cut an opening in the cap using a sharp utility knife. Be careful.

3. WARM UP THE ADHESIVE:

Place the tube of silicone (which was packed with your DASH-CAP™) in a glass of hot water. This will soften the adhesive and make it flow easier.

4. HIGH SPOTS:

Trim raised areas (if any) on the original dash with a utility knife as needed in order for the DASH-CAPTM to fit as close as possible on the original dash. Be careful to trim only those areas which will be covered by the DASH-CAPTM. Test fit again.

5. Surface Prep:

Clean the dashboard and the underside of the DASH-CAPTM with window cleaner or water along the outside edges and around the vents. All waxes and oils must be removed from both surfaces in order to achieve adhesion. Rough up both surfaces (at adhesive area only) with sandpaper.

6. APPLY ADHESIVE:

around the perimeters of air vents, and entire <u>outer edge</u> <u>only</u>. The adhesive "bead" should be about the size of a pencil and approximately 1/2" away from the edge.

IMPORTANT: APPLY SILICONE ONLY NEAR OUTER EDGES

AND AROUND VENTS. APPLICATION OF ADHESIVE IN ANY
OTHER LOCATION CAN CAUSE CRACKING AND/OR

Apply the adhesive to the underside of the DASH-CAP™,

7. INSTALL THE DASH-CAP™:

WARPING AND WILL VOID THE WARRANTY.

Place the DASH-CAP™ over the original dash. Push carefully and evenly in order to seat the Dashskin™ and spread the adhesive evenly, <u>near the edges only</u>.

SPECIAL NOTE:

It is essential that your DASH-CAP™ be installed while the vehicle is shaded from direct sunlight and in moderate air temperature. A clean and well vented work area is recommended. Please read and observe application and caution labels on cleaning and adhesive products used to install your DASH-CAP™.

8. REPLACE ANY ACCESSORIES:

Replace any previously removed pans, grills, and accessories.

9. WIPE AWAY ANY EXCESS ADHESIVE WITH A DAMP CLOTH:

10. SECURE IN POSITION:

Use rolls of paper, cardboard wedges, elastic cords and weights to hold the DASH-CAP $^{\text{TM}}$ firmly in position as needed for at least 4 hours to allow the adhesive to set and cure.

11. UNCLAMP AND CLEAN:

When adhesive is cured, remove clamping items and peel away any excess adhesive which may be showing.

12. MAINTENANCE:

Mild car care products such as window cleaner or soap and water can be used to clean your DASH-CAP™ (if necessary).

13. CONCLUSSION:

DASH-CAP™ are easy to install, but special problems can and do arise. Should you need help don't hesitate to contact your local dealer. Thank you for using **DASH-CAP™**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Dear Customer,

This shipment was carefully inspected, checked and properly packaged at our company and delivered to the carrier in good condition.

However, when it delivered to the carrier, it technically becomes your property. Thus it is important that you take note of any damages or shortages.

Here's what to do if your shipment is damaged, or if part of the shipment is missing:

If you receive a carton which shows apparent damage, you have two options. (1) refuse the shipment and have the carrier return it to the shipper, or (2) mark the shipment and the papers as "freight damaged", accept the shipment, then check for damage. If damage is found put the damaged goods and packing materials back in the original carton and call ACCU-FORM PLASTICS at 1-800-344-3274. ACCU-FORM will arrange with the carrier to pick up the carton for inspection and will file a freight damage claim. Your product will be re-shipped unless you specify that it is not wanted, or a credit will be issued.

Freight damage must be reported immediately and a claim filed within 10 days of receipt of goods or no credit can be issued for damage. It is your responsibility to follow the above instructions or the carrier and/or ACCU-FORM will not be able to honor claims for damage or loss in transit.

(See other side for Product Warranty)

ACCU-FORM PRODUCT WARRANTY 01-2008

<u>CAUTION:</u> DASH-CAPS exposed to direct sunlight will sometimes overheat and warp. Warping is not covered by this factory warranty so please use a sunshade or face your vehicle away from the sun, especially in hot climates.

ACCU-FORM custom molded **DASH-CAPS** are warrantied against defects in workmanship or materials for the life of the vehicle. All other ACCU-FORM products are warrantied for 18 months from date of invoice. All warranties require that products be installed in accordance with manufacturers recommendations. The warranty provides a replacement part. It does not cover labor, field applied color coatings or consequential damages of any nature or description. To qualify for a warranty replacement the "failed" portion of the original part along with the ACCU-FORM identification label glued to the back, and a copy of the original invoice must be returned to ACCU-FORM, freight prepaid.

If your ACCU-FORM product fails and if you believe it qualifies for a warranty replacement, you should contact the company from whom you purchased the part and they will obtain a new part for you, or you can call ACCU-FORM direct and obtain a replacement part, freight prepaid by returning the failed portion, the identification label and a copy of the original invoice.

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(See other side for Important Notice about freight damage)